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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)
CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 USC 371**

International Application No.: PCT/JP2003/015143
International Filing Date: November 27, 2003
Priority Date Claimed:
Title of Invention: SOUND ABSORBING MATERIAL
Applicant(s) for DO/EO/US: Yoshihiko Ota et al.

Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. ☐ This application claims the benefit of foreign filing priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) based on Japanese Patent Application No. ***, filed ***.
2. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 USC 371(c)(2))
 - a. ☐ is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
 - b. ☒ has been transmitted by the International Bureau.
 - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
3. ☐ A copy of PCT Request.
4. ☒ A copy of International Publication No. WO 2005/052529.
5. ☒ An English translation of the International Application (35 USC 371(c)(2)) in 71 pages of specification (with claims and abstract) and 12 sheets of drawings.
6. ☒ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 USC 371(c)(3))
 - a. ☐ are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
 - b. ☐ have been transmitted by the International Bureau.
 - c. ☐ have been made and incorporated in a preliminary amendment attached.
 - d. ☒ have not been made and will not be made.
7. ☐ A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 USC 371(c)(3)).
8. ☒ **Unsigned** declaration of the inventor(s) (35 USC 371(c)(4)) and Power of Attorney.
9. ☐ A translation of the annexes, such as any amendments made under PCT Article 34, to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 USC 371(c)(5)).
10. ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98 with PTO-1449 form and five references.
11. ☐ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
12. ☐ A FIRST preliminary amendment.
13. ☐ A substitute specification with mark-up version.
14. ☒ A copy of International Search Report by JPO will follow.

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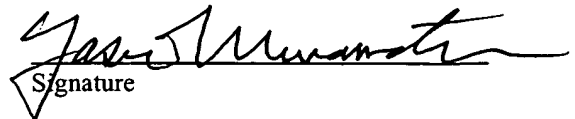
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15. ☐ A copy of International Preliminary Examination Report by IPO.16. ☒ A return prepaid postcard.17. ☒ Small entity status is hereby claimed.18. ☒ The following fees are submitted:

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BASIC FEE (37 CFR 1.492(a)(5))				\$300
NATIONAL STAGE SEARCH FEE (1.492(b)(2))				\$400
NATIONAL STAGE EXAMINATION FEE (1.492(c)(2))				\$200
Surcharge of \$130 for furnishing the oath or declaration after 20/30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e))				\$0
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Independent Claims	1 - 3 =	0 ×	\$200	\$0
Multiple dependent claims(s) (if applicable)			\$360	\$0
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS				\$900
Reduction by 1/2 for filing by small entity (if applicable).				\$450
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19. ☒ A check in the amount of \$450.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed.20. ☐ A check in the amount of \$40 for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)).

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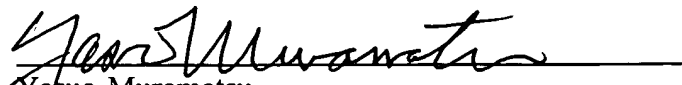
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I hereby certify that the accompanying; Transmittal; 7 pages of specification and 1 sheet of drawings; unsigned declaration and power of attorney; a check of \$450 for filing fee; a copy of WO 2005/052529 A1; a copy of International Search Report; and Return Prepaid Postcard.

are being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated above and are addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.


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